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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF
Hampton Falls, N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,
1872.

PORTSMOUTH:
PORTSMOUTH JOURNAL STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1872.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Moderator.

DEAN R. TILTON.

Town Clerk.

CYRUS W. BROWN.

Representative.

PETER G. TILTON.

Selectmen.

LEVI E. LANE.

JOHN M. MARSHALL

HENRY H. KNIGHT.

Treasurer.

*LEVI E. LANE.

Superintending School Committee.

WARREN BROWN.

Auditors.

NATHAN H. ROBIE,

JAMES D. JANVRIN,

GEORGE C. BROWN.

Collector.

*GEORGE B. SANBORN.

*Appointed by Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In compliance with the Statute, your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Hampton Falls for the year ending March 1st, 1872.

He charges himself as follows :

For cash on hand, March 1st, 1871,	\$239 19
" " from State Treasurer for R. R. tax,	400 44
" " " " Savings bank tax,	127 78
" " " " Literary fund,	48 60
" " " " Insurance tax,	7 50
" " " County, for support of paupers,	57 70
" " " Geo. B Sanborn, Collector,	4515 79
" " " J. H. Gove, on Note,	500 00
Total receipts,	<u>\$5,897 00</u>

He credits himself with the following payments
per order the Selectmen :

Cash paid State Tax,	\$1302 00
" " County Tax,	1051 32
" " Support Schools, (A)	808 60
" " New School House, (B)	800 00
" " Support of Poor, (C)	147 97
" " Roads and Bridges, (D)	113 41
" " Services Town Officers, (E)	183 00
" " Town Indebtedness, (F)	946 30
" " Incidentals, (G)	92 30
" " Abatements, (H)	36 64
Total Expenditures,	<u>\$5,481 54</u>
Balance on hand,	<u>\$415 46</u>

(A)

Support of Schools.

Paid Edwin Janvrin, for District No. 1,	\$291 20	
Silas Greene, for District No. 2,	241 20	
John L. Chase, for District No. 3,	276 20	
		<hr/> \$808 60

(B)

New School-House.

Paid N. H. Robie, B. F. Weare and C. A.	
Hardy for the new School House	\$800 00

(C)

Support of Poor

Paid N. Blatchford, supplies to Mrs. Page,	11 87	
G. D. Dodge, supplies to Mrs. Page,	39 00	
John Batchelder, wood, Mrs. Page,	2 80	
Edwin Janvrin, " " "	27 00	
Moses Brown, sawing wood, "	10 30	
Wm. R. Knowles, " " "	4 25	
Charles Chase, house rent for "	15 00	
for transient paupers,	34 00	
Dr. C. H. Sanborn, medical attendance		
on William Rowe,	2 00	
Moses Brown, sawing wood for Mrs.		
Page '69 and '70,	1 75	
		<hr/> \$147 97

(D)

Roads and Bridges.

Paid John T. Batchelder, for lumber,	76 90
Aiken S. Coffin, " "	1 87
J. M. Marshall, labor on bridge at	

Coffin's mill,	1 00
J. M. Marshall, making snow paths,	1 50
Non-Resident highway tax, in labor,	32 14
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	\$113 41

(E)

Services Town Officers.

Paid Cyrus W. Brown, services as Town Clerk,	\$20 00
Warren Brown, services as Superintending School Committee,	15 00
George B. Sanborn, services as Collector,	50 00
Levi E. Lane, services as Selectman,	36 00
John M. Marshall, " " "	20 00
Henry H. Knight, " " "	22 22
Levi E. Lane, " " Treasurer,	20 00
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	\$183 00

(F)

Town Indebtedness.

Paid Coupons.	\$135 00
Interest on J. H. Gove's Notes to March 1st, 1872,	421 30
on Joel Wilson's Note to Jan. 19, '72,	36 00
on Lorana Brown's Note to March 1st, 1872,	24 00
on J. T. Brown's Note to March 19th, 1871,	30 00
Indorsement on J. T. Brown's Note	300 00
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	\$946 30

(G.)

Incidentals.

Paid Edwin Prescott expense of Auditors Feb.	
25, 1871,	3 00
A. Mudge & Son, for printing town reports	
for the year ending March 1, 1871,	23 00
Geo E. Lane's bill for stationery,	4 73
C. W. Brown's " " " and postage,	75
L. E. Lane's " " " " "	1 26
Expense of L. E. Lane in attending the	
commission on municipal war ex-	
penditures,	5 31
L. E. Lane, for perambulating town lines,	8 00
J. M. Marshall, " " "	4 00
H. H. Knight, " " "	6 00
C. H. Sanborn, recording births and deaths,	6 00
J. T. B own, use of land for hearse house	
to March 1, 1872,	4 00
J. D Brown, for use of the Christian Chapel	
for the year 1871,	25 00
C. C. Gove, for ballot-box,	1 25
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(H.)

Abatements.

Paid J. L. Chase, land over-rated,	\$6 05
J. F. Locke, marsh,	35
Estate of Polly Dow, tax of 1870,	10 41
L. Jenness, dog tax 1870,	1 00
John S. Brown, poll tax of 1870,	2 09
Joseph P. Jones, " " "	2 09
Joseph A. Marshall, " " "	2 09
John Page, " " "	2 09
Albert M. Noyes, " " "	1 95

Henry W. Crosby, tax of 1870,	2 47
David McWhirter, land over-rated,	6 05
	<hr/> 36 64

LEVI E. LANE, TREASURER.

Auditors' Report.

HAMPTON FALLS, Feb. 27, A. D. 1872.

\$415 46.

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, A. D. 1872, and find them well vouched, and correctly cast, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of four hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-six cents.

NATHAN H. ROBIE, }
 JAMES D. JANVRIN, } AUDITORS.
 GEO. C. BROWN, }

Town Debts, March 1st, 1872.

Date.	No. on Bond.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Rate per ct.	When Due.	To what date Int. is paid.
	13	D. Perkins,	\$500 00	5	1874	Mch. 1, '72
	14	D. Perkins,	500 00	5	1874	" " "
	20	J. N. Healey,	500 00	5	1877	" " "
	21	J. N. Healey,	500 00	5	1878	" " "
	22	J. H. Gove,	500 00	5	1879	" " "
	26	J. H. Gove,	200 00	5	1881	" " "
March 1, 1871	Notes.	J. H. Gove,	5,300 00	6		" " "
"	"	J. H. Gove,	1,500 00	6		" " "
"	"	Lorana Brown,	400 00	6		" " "
Jan. 19, 1871	"	Joel Wilson,	600 00	6		Jan. 19, '72
Mch. 19, 1866	"	J. T. Brown,	*500 00	6		Mch. 19, '71
Mch. 1, 1872	"	J. H. Gove,	500 00	6		

Total liabilities, \$11,200 00
 Less by cash on hand, 415 26

Total debt, \$10,784 74
 Debt last year, 10,760 81

Debt increased, \$23 93

*\$300 paid Feb. 27, 1872, on J. T. Brown's note.

LEVI E. LANE, TREASURER.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March, 1872.

District No. 1.

School in session 35 weeks.

Whole number of Scholars, 53.

Average attendance, 43.

Wages of Teacher per month, including board, \$32.00.

The school has been taught by Miss Ellen F. Thompson, of Epping. Of her qualifications and success in teaching I fully concur in the favorable reports of former Superintendents. The school was well disciplined, and thoroughness of attainment a leading characteristic.

The School-room is too small to accommodate so many as have been in attendance. When the aisles are occupied by temporary seats much confusion is unavoidable. With ample accommodations the school would appear better and require less labor from the teacher.

District No. 2.

The first term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Lizzie A. L. Cram, a resident of the town.

Whole number of Scholars, 21. Average 19.

Wages of Teacher per month, including board, \$25.00.

Miss Cram was an excellent teacher.

It would have been well for the school if her instruction could have been continued. It being otherwise, she left, to the regret of all concerned.

The second and a part of the third term was taught by Miss C. A. Batchelder, of Newburyport, Miss. It was her first school. Very pleasant relations existed between teacher and scholars.

Declamation and vocal music were among the exercises. With more experience we expected her to become an excellent teacher. She left the school and was admitted to the Normal School, standing first in scholarship among those admitted. Before entering upon the course, she was suddenly called from earthly scenes, ending a life which seemed to have much promise of usefulness.

The remainder of the term is being taught by Miss Abbie C. Batchelder and has some weeks to continue. The school would have progressed better could it have had one teacher during the year. With short terms and a change for each, the school suffers. No matter if good teachers are secured, the result is not nearly as satisfactory as from the continued labors of one.

District No. 3.

This School has been in session 37 1-2 weeks.

Whole number of Scholars, 41. Average attendance, 34.

Wages of Teacher per month, including board, \$18.00.

The school was taught by Miss Abbie C. Batchelder, a resident of the town. At the commencement the school was in a disorderly condition: as it progressed, order was restored. Visiting the school from time to time we observed marked improvement in deportment and scholarship. Those who were present at the close of the school were highly pleased and much surprised at the progress which had been made.

We cheerfully recommend her as a faithful and efficient teacher.

The registers show too many instances of irregularity and tardiness. In justice it should be said that much of the absence during the summer terms was owing to causes which could not be controlled. Latterly, parents could have exerted a beneficial influence in its diminution.

Our school-rooms are not furnished with globes and outline maps, which would afford great assistance in the study of geography. No school-room should be without the modern improvements which render a proper understanding of the branches taught.

During the year a radical change for the future management of our schools has been adopted. Whether it is a wise one, its practical workings must demonstrate. A new school-house has been erected in the south part of the town. While we are glad that those living in that section are to have more convenient facilities, we do regret that the population of the town is so distributed as to have rendered a division necessary. If concentration could have been as easily brought about, graded schools would have been possible and the cause of education materially advanced.

Our Schools are susceptible of great improvement. We do not take that interest in them that their importance demands. When we consider that but a very small proportion of the people of the State receive any school advantages except those afforded by the district school, no effort should be spared to make them as efficient as possible.

WARREN BROWN.

Hampton-Falls, March 1, 1872.

